

hope, all who will work and sacrifice for freedom, have a friend in the United States of America.

Our country and our good allies are united by a great goal: We're working to create the conditions for peace. We're confronting the threats to peace from terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. And we're aiding the advance of peace by seeking the advance of freedom. Free societies do not nurture bitterness or the ideologies of terror and murder. Free societies are founded on the belief that every life has equal value. Free societies turn the creative gifts of men and women toward progress and the betterment of their own lives. American interests and American founding beliefs lead in the same direction: We stand for human liberty.

This past month has been a time of testing and uncertainty for our country. The American people have responded with resolve and with optimism. Whatever challenges may come, we can be confident. Our Nation is strong; our purpose is firm; and our cause is just.

God bless you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:20 p.m. in the F/A-18 E/F aircraft assembly facility at Boeing Integrated Defense Systems. In his remarks, he referred to former President Saddam Hussein of Iraq; Philip M. Condit, chairman and chief executive officer, and James F. Albaugh, executive vice president, The Boeing Company; Rick Smith, president, International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers, District 837; and Missouri Secretary of State Matt Blunt. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of these remarks.

Memorandum on Waiver and Certification of Statutory Provisions Regarding the Palestine Liberation Organization

April 16, 2003

Presidential Determination No. 2003-20

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Waiver and Certification of Statutory Provisions Regarding the Palestine Liberation Organization

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under section 534(d) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2003, Public Law 108-7, I hereby determine and certify that it is important to the national security interests of the United States to waive the provisions of section 1003 of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1987, Public Law 100-204.

This waiver shall be effective for a period of 6 months from the date hereof. You are hereby authorized and directed to transmit this determination to the Congress and to publish it in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

Message on the Observance of Passover, 5763

April 17, 2003

I send greetings to those who are observing Passover this week, beginning at sundown on April 16.

For Jewish families across the United States and around the world, Passover is a time of joy and renewal. This holiday celebrates the deliverance of the Jewish people from oppression and marks their birth as a nation. In remembering the Israelites' liberation from enslavement and their Exodus from Egypt, Passover reminds individuals of God's faithfulness and of the triumph of good over evil. It is also a time for families and